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SUBJECT: ADA LETTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO SPEAKER OF
THE GUAM LEGISLATURE, JOSEPH ADA.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. SPEAKER:

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS ASKED ME TO RESPOND TO YOUR
LETTER OF MAY 3, 1975. I AM SORRY THAT YOU BELIEVE
YOUR PREVIOUS INQUIRIES HAVE RESULTED IN VAGUE AND
CAREFULLY PHRASED NON-ANSWERS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT.
SUCH HAS NOT BEEN OUR INTENTION. HOWEVER, THE COMPLEXITY
OF THE ISSUES AND THE MANY UNCERTAINTIES WHICH SURROUND
THE VAST MIGRATION OF PEOPLE WE ARE CURRENTLY WITNESSING
FROM VIETNAM SOMETIMES MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO SPEAK WITH
GREAT CLARITY OR AS DEFINITELY AS WE MIGHT LIKE.

WE VIEW THE REFUGEE FACILITIES ON GUAM AS A TEMPORARY
SHELTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM WHO FLED THEIR COUNTRY
BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THEIR LIVES WOULD BE IN DANGER IF
THEY REMAINED IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. WE HAVE INVITED
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REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS TO SET UP OFFICES ON GUAM SO THAT THEY

CAN INTERVIEW AND SELECT REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE GUAM RESTAGING SITE CAN BE CLOSED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND ONLY THOSE VIETNAMESE WHO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS PROPER SPONSORSHIP FOR PAROLE INTO THE COMMUNITY, WILL REMAIN IN GUAM.

WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM OF POSSIBLY UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS FROM VIETNAMESE SOCIETY WHO MAY BE SEEKING TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE UNCERTAIN OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL FALL IN THIS CATEGORY, BUT BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THE INITIAL ESTIMATES WERE SOMEWHAT HIGH. UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO DEFINE THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND REFUGE FOR EVERY PERSON WHO CHOSE TO LEAVE VIETNAM WITHOUT FORCING ANY COMMUNITY TO ABSORB ANY PEOPLE IT DOES NOT DESIRE.

I HOPE THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ALLAY ANY SUSPICIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS WITH THIS PROGRAM. WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE SUPPORT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE GIVEN THIS MASSIVE AND COMPLICATED EFFORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR PART TO WORK FOR AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO ANY RESIDUAL PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM THE SELECTION OF GUAM AS A RESTAGING CENTER FOR THE MAJORITY OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE.

SINCERELY,
L. DEAN BROWN. UNQUOTE.

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS. INGERSOLL

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